officers working in the office of Joint Commissioner (Gr. Mumbai), Food and Drug Administration, Bandra - Kurla Complex, Mumbai-51, along with Goregaon police raided the place at Goregaon, Mumbai and seized the stock of spurious drugs Eltroxin Tablets purported to be of M/s. Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., worth of Rs.1,40,600/- which are used for treating thyroid patients.

(b) Spurious Eltroxin tablets 1900XI00 bottles purported to be manufactured by M/s. Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd were seized by the Goregaon Police Station on the basis of a FIR No.05/07 by Drug Inspector, FDA, Bandra, Mumbai-51 on 07.01.07.

No stock of spurious Eltroxin tablets was seized in Gujarat.

(c) The accused persons have been arrested and taken into police custody for further action.

Underweight babies and diabetes

2062. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the collaborative study carried out by scientists from India and MRC Epidemiology Resource Centre, University of Southampton, underweight babies are at the risk of diabetes;

(b) if so, whether Government have seriously considered this report;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps are being worked out to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The study indicated that low weight babies, who later become overweight in childhood have an increased risk of metabolic diseases such as heart attack and diabetes, in adult life.

(b) to (d) The Government of India has been implementing Programmes for the overall improvement of health and nutritional status of women and children, as follows:

1. Under the RCH-II/NRHM programme of Maternal Health, antenatal, natal and post natal care is provided to all pregnant mothers to improve pregnancy outcomes, to reduce prevalence of low birth weight and reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

2. Under the Women and Child Development's supplementary feeding programme, all pregnant and lactating women are provided nutritious supplementary food through Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme in the rural, tribal and urban slum areas.

3. Distribution of Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablets to women during pregnancy, lactation and adolescent girls to reduce Iron deficiency anemia.

4. Other programmes under implementation to control malnutrition include (1) Universal Iodization of salt (2) Provision of safe drinking water and environmental sanitation (3) Mobile medical services for inaccessible rural and tribal areas (4) Jawahar Rojgar Yojana etc. and (5) Several other rural development and poverty alleviation programmes.

Ban on cola advertisements

2063. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to ban cola beverage advertisements both in print and electronic media terming them as a health hazard and a major cause of obesity in children;

(b) whether under the current code of I&B Ministry liquor, cigarettes, baby food and drugs are banned for airing in the print or electronic media; and

(c) whether Government are delaying the enforcement of ban on soft drinks industry due to intense lobbying by Cola sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the current advertising code of the I & B Ministry for cable services, liquor, cigarette and infant food cannot be advertised.

(c) No, Sir.

Infant mortality rate in Vidarbha

†2064. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to reduce the mortality rate of infants;

(b) if so, the steps taken to reduce mortality rate of infants in tribal areas especially Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(c) the names of States, where Government have implemented ambitious National Rural Health Mission initially; and

(d) the reasons for non-implementation of this scheme in tribal areas of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Maharashtra, has formulated following schemes to lessen the mortality rate of infants:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.